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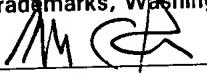
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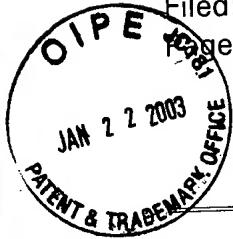
Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, and in full compliance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants, through their attorney, are bringing the following forty-one (41) documents to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Examiner handling their above-identified application:

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41. Kornberg A. and Baker T.A., DNA Replication, 2nd Edition, W.H. Freeman and Co., New York, New York, pages 447-449 (1992) [Exhibit 41].

The above documents [Exhibits 1-41] were cited in the instant specification. A completed Form PTO-1449 listing the 41 above-submitted documents is also attached hereto as Exhibit A.

By this voluntary citation of art, Applicants and their attorney are requesting that the documents be made of record in the present application.

The above citation of documents is not a representation that these documents constitute a complete or exhaustive listing, nor that the above listing necessarily includes the closest or most relevant documents, nor are these documents necessarily a complete listing of all documents known to Applicants or their attorney. It is simply a voluntary citation of documents made in good faith, which is not intended to serve in any way as a substitute for the Examiner's own search.

In view of the general and specific features described and claimed in the present application, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is

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neither disclosed nor suggested by the documents referred to above and is thus patentably distinct thereover. Furthermore, Applicants do not believe, and do not submit, by the citation of these references, that these documents, either by themselves or in combination with other documents, render the invention *prima facie* obvious under the duty of disclosure rules.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the above-submitted documents of record in the instant application. Applicants further request that the Examiner consider these documents as any of them may relate to the instant application.

The fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for filing this Information Disclosure Statement is \$180.00. The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the amount of this fee (and any other fees in connection with this IDS) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

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